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## ENFIELD GAVE THE FARMERS A GENEROUS WELCOME

Enfield, Sept. 28.—The meeting of farmers at Enfield on Tuesday opened with a splendid address of welcome by Mr. Johnson, which was followed by an address on soils and plant growth by W. A. McMurray, county demonstration agent.

Mr. J. A. Patterson made a splendid talk on velvet beans, showing their value as a pasture crop and a soil improver. A general discussion of permanent pastures was led by Mr. S. G. Whitfield.

In the afternoon, Mr. W. C. Crosby, from the Department of Education at Raleigh, delivered a splendid address on community development. The large audience was very responsive and gave evidence of a highly appreciated message.

The program for the day was closed with moving pictures of farm subjects that were a great means of education and inspiration for the farmers.

The farmers went to their respective homes anxious to return for the program of the following day, feeling anew that the good people of Enfield appreciate their interests and welcome them to their town.

The meeting of the second day was begun with a discussion explaining to the farmers the importance of cotton grading work and how the grader can be used by the farmers. This address by Mr. W. R. Camp of Raleigh. A thorough discussion of cover crops followed by Mr. Zeno Moore, county agent of Edgecombe county and Mr. D. S. Moss, a prominent and successful farmer in Halifax county.

Those who heard the address of Mr. R. W. Freeman, district agent in demonstration work have a clearer understanding of the real aim and importance of Demonstration Work and what an efficient organization there is pushing the work.

In the afternoon a large audience heard a splendid address by Mr. F. P. Shields on "Problems in Successful Hog Raising." Mr. S. G. Whitfield followed the address by giving his experience in curing meat on the farm. A look into his smokehouse is sufficient evidence that Mr. Whitfield is an authority on this subject.

To the many women present the meeting reached its climax when Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon was introduced. Her address telling how the club girls of North Carolina are doing things held the crowd spell-bound.

Miss Effie Vines, home demonstration agent of Edgecombe county, concluded the program by telling what the club girls are doing in Edgecombe county. Considering the exceedingly busy season with the farmers just now, the attendance at the meeting was very encouraging.

## ROTTERDAM COTTON EXCHANGE HAS ADOPTED U. S. STANDARDS

Which is the First Official Recognition—Reported by Attache of American Embassy.

Washington, September 28.—The Department of Agriculture announces that the Rotterdam cotton exchange of Rotterdam, Holland, has adopted the official cotton standards of the United States representing white cotton, according to a report to the office of markets and rural organization, by Erwin W. Thompson, Commercial Attache of the American Legation at The Hague. This is the first official recognition by a foreign market of the cotton standards promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture, August 12, 1916, and now in use in all of the important cotton markets in the United States.

## STATE FREE FROM WEEVIL

Commissioner of Agriculture is Authority for the Statement.

Raleigh, N. C., September 26.—That there is no foundation in fact for press reports that have gone out from some quarters that there is boll weevil in North Carolina is the emphatic declaration of Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham in a statement issued today. The Commissioner says that authoritative investigations by the State entomologist and other experts shows that the little infection that has developed in this State is simply antiseptic, or boll rot.

This is the diagnosis of all the specimens that have been sent in from whatever quarters any developments have been reported. Major Graham quotes Charles W. Horne of Clayton, as declaring that all the infections that have developed around Clayton, where it was reported that there was boll weevil, have proven to be simply the boll rot infection. Major Graham feels that such erroneous publication can but do a great deal of injury to the State in the matter of extensive sales of cotton seed for planting that North Carolina farmers make annually for planting farther south.

## HIGH POINT MAN FOUND DEAD IN A HOTEL AT CHICAGO

Allen U. Tomlinson, Representing Chair Concern, Believed to Have Committed Suicide.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 28.—A man believed to be Allen U. Tomlinson of High Point, was found shot to death in his room in a downtown hotel today. A revolver was found near the body. He was registered as P. U. Allen of Indianapolis, but personal cards caused the belief that he was a High Point man.

High Point, N. C., Sept. 28.—A telegram received here confirmed the death in a Chicago hotel of Allen U. Tomlinson of this city. Tomlinson was the brother of C. F. and S. H. Tomlinson of this city. He was traveling for the Tomlinson Chair Co. His body will be brought here.

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AT SMITHWICK'S CREEK

Meeting Promises to be Interesting—Many Noted Ministers Will be in Attendance.

Commencing Saturday morning and extending through Monday, the Primitive Baptist Association meeting will be held at Smithwick's Creek, which is located ten miles from Williamston. All those going from this section will take the morning train for Farmale, transfer there to the Williamston train, arriving at 1 o'clock, when they will be met and carried out to the Association grounds. The meeting promises to be a very important and interesting one, as several noted ministers will be present. Among these will be Elder R. A. Keene of Maine; Elder J. T. Rowe of Baltimore; and Elder P. D. Gold of Wilson, N. C.

A large number of members and friends have signified their intention of attending the Association, and preparations have been made to take care of a very large attendance.

## LUNATIC ATTACKS A WILLIAMSBURG PHYSICIAN

Inmate of Eastern State Hospital Uses Window Weight on Dr. G. G. Hankins' Head.

Newport News, Va., Sept. 26.—Dr. G. G. Hankins, physician at the Eastern State Hospital for Insane, at Williamsburg, is in a critical condition at a Richmond hospital today, as the result of a murderous assault made on him yesterday by a patient in the Williamsburg institution, who struck the physician on the head with a nine-pound window weight.

## Enough Already

Willis: "How do you stand on Sunday baseball?"

Gillis: "I'm against it."

Willis: "Don't you think the people should be allowed to enjoy themselves on Sunday?"

Gillis: "Aren't they doing it now?"

The rich have their golf clubs and the poor have their automobiles."

## \$80 REWARD.

A reward of \$80.00 is hereby offered for the arrest of ROBERT BOLLING, colored, who on Friday, September 15, 1916, made an assault upon T. M. Allsbrook, at Weldon, N. C.

DESCRIPTION.—Age 33, black, small, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight about 130 pounds. Not mean looking, extra polite, kind of a quick talking negro. This reward will be paid by J. A. HOUSE, Sheriff of Halifax County, N. C.

## Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage dated May 4, 1915 executed to F. S. Royster Mercantile Co., Inc., of Tarboro, N. C., by Irene Hussey and her husband, Braxton Hussey, which is recorded in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county in Book 262 on page 266, we will, on SATURDAY, the 21st day of OCTOBER, 1916, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the Postoffice in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following tract of land, to wit: That tract in Palmyra township, Halifax county, beginning at the run of Jarvis' swamp and running with F. P. Shields' line South 69½ W. 38.74 chains to a sweetgum; thence with the line of J. P. Ware as follows: South 49½ E. 16.39 chains to a sweetgum; thence North 57½ E. 9.40 chains to a large sweetgum; thence South 42½ E. 11 chains to a stake; thence South 66½ E. 8.45 chains to a small pine on the east side of a farm road; thence South 48½ E. 3.10 chains to a pine on the south side of said farm road J. P. Ware's corner in F. P. Shields' line; thence with F. P. Shields' line North 69½ E. 13 chains to a small cypress of the run of Jarvis' swamp; thence with said swamp as it meanders to the beginning and containing eighty and eighty-seven one hundredths acres. This being the same land conveyed to said Irene Hussey by J. P. Ware by deed recorded in Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county in Book 210 on page 273, to which reference is made.

This Sept. 21, 1916.

F. S. ROYSTER MERC. CO., Inc.

9-22 29; 10-6 13 Mortgagee.

## FIFTY MILLIONS IN EVADED TAXES COLLECTED TO JUNE 30

Internal Revenue Methods Prove Very Efficient in Uncovering Gigantic Frauds in United States.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Efficient business methods inaugurated in internal revenue service and a fair and impartial enforcement of laws during present administration resulted in uncovering gigantic frauds and evaded taxes to the unprecedented amount of more than \$50,000,000 of which \$22,509,576.47 was assessed and collected during the three fiscal years ending June 30, 1916. This total recovered amount was greater by \$2,760,000 than the entire cost of collecting the total revenue receipts of \$1,308,413,262.59.

These frauds and most of the evasions existed unchecked and undiscovered during 12 or more years preceding this administration.

## JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS PREDICTS NEW MONEY ISSUE

Comptroller of the Currency Sees Retirement of Greenbacks and Withdrawal of Bank Notes.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 27.—Immediate retirement of all greenbacks and a gradual withdrawal of national bank notes, placing the currency of the country on a basis of gold coin and Federal Reserve notes were discussed here last night by bankers attending the conference of the National Bank section of the American Bankers' Association, in annual convention. The discussion followed addresses by John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, and Frederick W. Hyde of Jamestown, N. Y., president of the section.

## Not Qualified.

"Aren't you the boy who was here a week ago looking for a position?"

"Yes, sir."

"I thought so. And didn't I tell you then that I wanted an older boy?"

"Yes, sir; that's why I'm here now."

## Seed Corn Selection Day.

September 30 has been set aside by the demonstration forces of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service as Seed Corn Selection Day for the State. On this day all the agents are expected to urge the farmers in their counties to select seed corn for the following years planting from the field. It is expected that the supply of good seed corn will be greatly increased by this work.

## Hadn't Harmed Them.

Visitor: "My good man, you keep your pigs much too near the house."

Cottager: "That's just what the doctor said, mum. But, I don't see how it's a'goin' to hurt 'em."

## EIGHT FOOT BALLOT FOR NEW YORK SOLDIERS

Carload of Election Supplies Will Be Sent to the Mexican Border by Secretary of State Hugo

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 26.—New York State soldiers on the Mexican border will use an eight foot ballot on election day, according to Secretary of State Hugo. A carload of election supplies will leave for the border about October 20 and a representative from the election bureau will go to Texas later to complete arrangements for polling the soldiers' votes.

## Figures Grow.

Guest: Good gracious, waiter! Nine and nine makes eighteen, not nineteen!

Waiter: Ah, but monsieur must remember that everything has been augmented by the war.

## Can You Blame Him?

Pat: Who is making that infernal jangle on the piano?

Mater: That's Constance at her exercise.

Pat: Well, for heaven's sake, tell her to get her exercise some other way.

## Bold Gladys.

"Gadys will insist on making herself conspicuous by the way she dresses exclaimed the critical girl."

"What does she wear?"

"Skirts that come away down below the tops of her shoes."

## All Depends

"Telephones are great time-savers, aren't they?"

"Well that depends upon who calls you up."

## Executor's Notice.

Having this day qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Mrs. Minnie E. Lawrence, deceased, late of Scotland Neck, N. C., I hereby notify all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to me. Persons having claims against the decedent will present the same duly verified to me at my office in the city of Raleigh, N. C., on or before Sept. 22, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

B. F. MONTAGUE, Executor of Mrs. Minnie E. Lawrence, deceased.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 22, 1916.

## VICE-PRESIDENT MARSHALL FROM LATEST PHOTOGRAPH



## FOR SERVICES RENDERED NOT PROMISES BROKEN

"I do not doubt that the people of the United States will wish the Democratic party to continue in control of the government. They are not in the habit of rejecting those who have actually served them for those who are making doubtful and conjectural promises of service. Least of all are they likely to substitute those who promise to render them particular services and proved false to that promise for those who have actually rendered those very services."

From President Wilson's Speech of Acceptance.

## OUR MEXICAN POLICY BASED ON HUMANITY

How the President Has Upheld a Small Nation's Right to Control Its Affairs.

## RESISTED WAR PRESSURE

Determined That America's Sister Republic Shall Be Permitted to Work Out Its Problem of Freedom and Self-Government.

"President Wilson's faith in democracy, and the unselfishness of the United States in international dealings, have been strikingly expressed in his Mexican policy."

"The President's demand for Mexico is Justice."

The larger phases of the relations of the United States with Mexico during President Wilson's Administration as well as an interesting and complete narrative of events are presented authoritatively in the Mexican chapter of the Democratic National Text Book, from which these quotations are made:

"Two considerations have animated the President in the formulation of his Mexican policy and have compelled his adherence to it throughout his Administration, namely:

"The firm conviction that all nations, both the weak and the powerful, have the inviolable right to control their internal affairs."

"The belief, established upon the history of the world, that Mexico will never become a peaceful and law-abiding neighbor of the United States until she has been permitted to achieve a permanent and basic settlement of her troubles without outside interference."

"The Mexican problem in its present form has existed for the American Government ever since our frontier was extended to the Rio Grande. When the people maintained the peace it was because they were forced to do so, and not because justice reigned in the land. Thus it was that the history of Mexico, like the history of every aspiring people, pressed upon President Wilson's consideration the truth that no permanent good relations could exist between this great Northern Republic and the one immediately South of us until she had been left free to put her house in order, however painful that process might be, and whatever the demands it might make upon the forbearance of the United States."

"There was a powerful pressure for war—a terrible war—by a well-armed, bankrupt people exhausted by five years of civil strife, but who still retained enough of patriotic feeling to unify them against an invader. It was the old, old question whether the United States should impose a peace on Mexico; whether, for the sake of the interests of a few of its citizens, it should permanently suppress Mexico's yearning toward freedom and self-government."

## NEW YORK STRIKE HAS NOT AS YET MATERIALIZED

Walkout of Union Laborers Scheduled for Wednesday Did Not Include Many Orders.

New York, Sept. 28.—Although labor leaders insisted tonight that the general strike of trades unionists in the greater city in aid of the car men who quit their places September 6, eventually would involve at least a half million workers, there was no surface indication of a tie-up of the city's industry, as threatened after announcement was made today that the strike had begun.

While the union leaders claimed that 125,000 workers in various trades already had joined the movement, with "twice as many more ready to walk out" tomorrow, the police said they had received no reports to substantiate any such estimates. The actual situation, it was said, was confused because of Jewish holidays, which are being celebrated here by more than 100,000 union workers.

## CLAUDE KITCHIN TO SPEAK AT DURHAM OCTOBER 6TH

National Leader Will Open Campaign at Bahama—Barbecue and Brunswick Stew.

Durham, N. C., Sept. 28.—Hon. Claude Kitchin, whom John Temple Graves designates as the Rupert of the American House of Representatives and distinguished son of North Carolina, opens the Democratic campaign in Durham county at Bahama on Friday, October 6. His letter of acceptance came to Sumpter C. Brawley today, and Durham leaders are to be congratulated on their successful efforts in staging the opener under pleasing environs. Granville, Orange, Person and Chatham are among the neighboring counties that will contribute to an immense throng that will hear the orator of National import. A barbecue and Brunswick stew will be spread under the oak trees that circumvent Durham county's thriving agricultural burg. Bahama is a village of hospitality and its central location is a condition inviting in determining its selection.

## "Blue Sky" Prosecution.

Asheville, Sept. 28.—J. W. Agey, a promoter of Knoxville, went on trial in Superior court on 28 counts of violating the state "blue sky" laws in conducting his business of selling stocks in North Carolina without a license. The witnesses include some of the most prominent men of Asheville and the trial is attracting much attention. The state charges Agey with selling lots to the amount of \$30,000 to a big firm in Georgia. The company having no capital stock and no permit to do business in this state. The trial will probably last another day.

## How He Felt.

The conditions in the trenches were dreary in the extreme after the drenching and long-continued rainfall, but the irrepressible spirits of the "Pals" were not yet entirely quenched when the order came to leave the trenches.

"Hurry up out of this, my gallant soldiers," was the cheery call of the sergeant to his waist-deep and rain-soaked men.

"Soldiers!" came the derisive answer from one of them. "I'm not a soldier; I'm a blooming blunder!"

## The Prayer He Needed.

A Salvation Army lassie was selling The War Cry at the windows of the London trains. In one of the compartments were a number of young men, and one of them thinking to have some fun at the expense of the sister, asked her if she would offer up a word of prayer for him.

Rising to the occasion, the sister put her hand on his head and, to the amusement of those within hearing distance, prayed:

"O Lord make this young man's heart as soft as his head."

## Theatricals in Politics.

The Washington Star, through its Chicago correspondent, states:

"The Democrats are skating circles around their opponents in all kinds of showmen's stunts in the conduct of the campaign out west. They are billposting the country with placards ingeniously appealing to the 'he-kept-us-out-of-war' sentiment, cartoons holding up Hughes to all kinds of ridicule, placing him in the grasp of Wall Street, and so on.

"And now here is another feature: The Republicans discover that the vaudeville and theatrical circuits are packed with Wilson acts of a telling nature.

"It has been said that the Hebrews are for Wilson because of the Brandeis appointment, but, 'be that as it may,' the theater business controlled by Hebrews is featuring Wilson and playing down Hughes in every popular show going the rounds. Sometimes during every performance in this class of entertainment there is a 'grind' on Hughes and a climax to 'get a hand' for Wilson."

## GREENVILLE VENEER PLANT BURNS; LOSS OF \$75,000.00

Large Wood-Working Plant Consumed By Flames, Origin of Which is Unknown—Some Insurance.

Greenville, Sept. 28.—Greenville sustained a heavy loss by the burning of the entire plant of the Cabinet Veneer company Monday night shortly after midnight. The origin of the fire is unknown, though it is supposed to have originated from some friction in the machinery in the drying department. The flames spread so quickly that nothing could be done to check them. The buildings were of wood, three stories high, and the flames leaped high into the air. There was no wind at the time and the huge pieces of shingles and big coals fell near the plant. It was located near the water and light plant on the river, and there were no other buildings in the danger zone.

Yesterday the fire was still burning the stock of veneer and it was too hot to get near. The A. C. L. water tank was badly scorched and was leaking. Three flat cars loaded with logs for the mill and on the siding by the building were about half burned and the logs were burned on the side next the building. The big, valuable and costly machinery was a mass of burned and twisted iron.

The plant was valued at something like \$60,000 to \$75,000 with considerable insurance on it. The safe is under the ruins and nothing can be told of the real loss estimated until it can be opened and the books gone over to show the stock on hand and the new machinery recently put in.

The plant was owned by Indiana people and nothing is known of their plans for the future. Greenville hopes that it will be rebuilt as soon as practicable.

Something like 100 men are thrown out of employment.

## GREENSBORO MAN RECEIVES DEATH SENTENCE FOR MURDER

J. A. Terry to be Executed December 8 Unless Supreme Court Gives Him a New Trial.

Greensboro, Sept. 28.—Judge Webb this morning sentenced J. A. Terry to be executed on December 8, 1916, for the murder of John R. Stewart on July 15. This is the last chapter so far as the lower court is concerned in the trial of Terry, unless he is granted a new trial by the Supreme Court. The usual notices of appeal were given and the case will be argued in Supreme Court in April of next year. It will certainly be at least a year from the time the murder was committed until the execution takes place, if it occurs at all. The defense was based solely on the plea of defendant's mental incapacity, and the feeling is that Terry has a slight chance at a new trial. It is too early to predict whether or not his chance of commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment is any better.

## GREENE COUNTY REAL ESTATE SELLS AT VERY HIGH PRICE

522 Acres Changes Hands at Average Price of \$90 Per Acre—\$50,000 Paid for Entire Tract.

Snow Hill, Sept. 28.—One of the largest, if not the largest real estate deal ever made in Greene county was consummated here recently when the valuable Grimley farm in Olds Creek Township was purchased by Mr. E. A. Rasberry. The purchase price to be determined by the survey is \$100 per acre for the northern part of the tract containing between 300 and 400 acres, and \$80 per acre for the southern end, the deal involving a total of over \$50,000, if the acreage named in the old deeds is found. The tract is on the tax books at 522 acres.

## CAN YOU INTERPRET THIS?

If You Can't, Neither Can the Mayor of Wilmington.

It is a well known fact that men occupying public positions are often the recipient of freak letters, asking for everything from a job, on up to a few thousand in cold cash. Mayor P. Q. Moore of Wilmington, N. C., received one of these freaks a few days ago, that he will match with any that his brother officials throughout the State may have received. The letter follows:

"Wilmington NC Sep the 14th  
"Mr. Moar Dear Sir I write you to know off you that we are the only legal as off your old uncle I wish to ask you if we wood chuse you four our eturney and if we could chuse you four our eturney."

"Please write me at Paolet SC name Jack Roberson name Albert Roberson is the woe nad it be prove by some of the Best white mend off union co Sume is 82 years off age off wite Write me and less see cant we Dure Business sune four & hassal Papers fix one the Bissness sore I will close."

## What Did He Mean?

She: "Is Princeton in New York?"

Student (truthfully reflective): "Yes a great part of the time."

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. J. W. Cotten was in town yesterday visiting friends.

Mr. A. R. White of Williamston has accepted a position as salesman with the Burroughs-Pittman-Wheeler Co.

Mrs. Charles Shields has been in town this week attending the Baptist meeting.

Presiding Elder J. T. Bundy of the Warrenton District, will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The Scotland Neck Times is moving their printing plant and office to the room over Mr. N. Herring's grocery store, next to the new opera house. The quarters they vacate will be occupied at once by the Dixie Furniture Co.

The Dixie Furniture Company have commenced to stock their show rooms, next to the Scotland Neck Bank, and will be opened for business Monday next. Mr. Bernard Allsbrook, who has recently severed his connection with the firm of Allsbrook & Borette, will have charge.

Mr. Geo. H. Curtis of Enfield was a visitor in town this week, accompanied by Mr. Ivey Watson. Mr. Curtis, though living in an adjoining town stated that he had not been back to Scotland Neck for more than forty years, and he noted many changes.

Mr. L. L. Braswell of Palmyra, Route 1, has purchased of Mr. W. S. Norfleet his 200 acre farm to the north of Scotland Neck on the road to Spring Hill, the consideration being \$10,000. This is said to be one of the best farms in this section. It was formerly called the Smith place. Mr. Braswell will occupy the premises the first of the year. He will sell his farm in Palmyra township, which is advertised in this paper today.

The Episcopal services Sunday will be held at the Old Trinity Church at the cemetery, owing to the fact that the new organ for Trinity Church is now being installed, and other improvements in the church are now going on. It is hoped that the congregation will have to use the old church only one Sunday, though the expert, who is here from Louisville, Ky., installing the organ, cannot say whether he can complete the work in the next week.

## ALLIES HAVE BROKEN THE SPIRIT OF THE GERMANS

The Teutons, it is Said, are Definitely Deprived of an Initiative in the Verdun Sector.

Paris, Sept. 28.—A semi-official account of the battle of the Somme from its beginning (July 1), appearing in the Bulletin Des Armees, says that the French have conquered 180 square kilometers (about 70 square miles) of territory, captured 3,000 unarmoured prisoners, removed 4,503 wounded and taken 144 cannon, most of them of heavy caliber, 500 machine guns and other material.

It is pointed out that the entente allies have broken the spirit of the Germans at Verdun, definitely deprived the enemy of an initiative and turned it in their own favor. Since the opening of the battle, the account says, the Germans have thrown into the battle 67 new divisions and 17 battleships, of which 34 divisions were on the English front and 33 divisions were on the French front.

## HUGHES' SUCCESSOR.

New Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Judge John Hessin Clarke of Ohio, is the new Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. He was appointed by President Wilson to take the place of Associate Justice Chas. E. Hughes, after the latter had resigned in order to accept the Republican nomination for President.

Justice Clarke was born at Lisbon, Ohio, September 18, 1857, and is therefore 59 years old. He graduated from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, in 1877 and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He practiced at Lisbon, Youngstown and Cleveland, and in 1914 was appointed by President Wilson U. S. District Judge for Northern Ohio. He is unmarried.

## Thwarted Ambition

"When I was a boy," said the gray-haired physician, who happened to be in a reminiscent mood, "I wanted to be a soldier; but my parents persuaded me to study medicine."

"Oh, well," rejoined the sympathetic druggist, "such is life. Many a man with wholesale aspirations has to content himself with a retail business."